GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7148
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FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES IN GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the financial irregularities in GAIL(India) Ltd. as reported in Punjab Kesari dated March 31,2005;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the matter;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) The Government is aware of the news item which appeared in Punjab Kesari newspaper on 31.3.2005 alleging financial irregularities in GAIL (India) Limited.

(b) to (d) GAIL's comments in the matter were sought. GAIL have furnished their comments denying the allegations. Governments have advised GAIL management that the matter relating to pipeline projects be considered by their Board of Directors and further action taken. Thereafter, if required, Government will take further action. It may be noted that Government is represented on the GAIL Board of Directors.